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RESPONSE TO NEW RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 28, 2006 vacating the restriction requirement mailed February 6, 2006 and making a new restriction requirement, please consider the response to the above-identified application as follows:

Election/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.